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I, RICHARD BRUTON, Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving full effect to Council Regulation (EU) No 377/2012 of 3 May 2012<sup>1</sup>, as amended, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning the Republic of Guinea-Bissau) Regulations 2016.

2. (1) In these Regulations—

“Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EU) No 377/2012 of 3 May 2012<sup>1</sup> as amended by the European acts specified in Schedule 1;

“European act” means an act adopted by an institution of the European Union or an institution of the European Communities.

(2) A word or expression which is used in these Regulations and which is also used in the Council Regulation has, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning in these Regulations as it has in the Council Regulation.

3. A person who contravenes a provision of the Council Regulation specified in Schedule 2 commits an offence.

4. Notwithstanding Regulation 3, a person who has received an authorisation under Article 4(1) or 5(1) of the Council Regulation may, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of such authorisation, do such of the things as are so authorised.

5. (1) A person who is guilty of an offence under Regulation 3 shall be liable—

(a) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both, or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

6. Any competent authority, following such consultation as it considers necessary with the other competent authorities, for the purposes of the administration

<sup>1</sup>OJ L 119, 4.5.2012, p.1

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and enforcement of the Council Regulation or these Regulations, may give in writing such directions to a person as it sees fit.

7. A person who fails to comply with a direction given under Regulation 6 within the time specified in the direction shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or to both.

8. Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been so committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any person being a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate, or a person who was purporting to act in such capacity, that person shall, as well as the body corporate, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished as if he or she were guilty of the first-mentioned offence.

9. The European Union (Restrictive Measures Concerning the Republic of Guinea-Bissau) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 525 of 2013) are revoked.

**Schedule 1**

**Council Regulation**

*Regulation 2*

1. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 458/2012 of 31 May 2012<sup>2</sup>
2. Council Regulation (EU) No 517/2013 of 13 May 2013<sup>3</sup>
3. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 559/2013 of 18 June 2013<sup>4</sup>

<sup>2</sup>OJ L 142, 1.6.2012, p.11

<sup>3</sup>OJ L 158, 10.6.2013, p.1

<sup>4</sup>OJ L 167, 19.6.2013, p.1

**Schedule 2**

**Provision of Council Regulation**

*Regulation 3*

Article 2

Article 8(1)



GIVEN under my Official Seal,  
21 February 2016.

RICHARD BRUTON,  
Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations provide for the enforcement of restrictive measures contained in Council Regulation (EU) No 377/2012 as amended, regarding restrictive measures concerning the Republic of Guinea-Bissau.

The Regulations provide that competent authorities of the State may issue directions for the purpose of giving full effect to the sanctions.

The Regulations create offences for breach of the Council Regulations or for failure to comply with the directions of competent authorities of the State with regard to implementation of the sanctions and provides for appropriate penalties.

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